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REMARKS

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1. On 13 February 1954, the Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283) Magdeburg, was occupied by about 1,750 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 1 February, 7 presumably 37-mm AA guns and about 70 trucks were observed in the installation. Two tents of about 5 x 20 meters and occupied to capacity by troops, and a field kitchen in operation. About 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 60 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in drill and fatigue duty in the barracks area.

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2. On 13 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) was occupied by about 2,140 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. On 1 and 4 February, 3 JS-2 tanks, [REDACTED] 15 presumably 57-mm AT guns, 13 heavy machine guns and about 20 almost new trucks were seen in the installation. About 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 60 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in drill and fatigue duty in the barracks yard.

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3. On 13 February, the Seecitt Kaserne (5287) was occupied by about 1,150 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On 29 January, 8 amphibious vehicles, 16 steel pontoons, about 50 pneumatic rafts, 2 motorboats with outboard motor and 4 armored personnel carriers were in the barracks area. On 31 January, about 60 troops were blowing up the ice on Alte Elbe River.

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4. On 18 January, the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286) was occupied by about 1,370 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. On 15 January, 9 presumably 57-mm AT guns were observed in the installation. About 150 troops drilled in the barracks yard.

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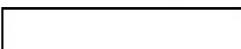
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6. Between 25 and 30 January, [redacted] camouflaged gun emplacements at the railroad bridge across the Elbe River near Herrenkrug Kaserne. The crews, which had previously been quartered in earth bunkers, had moved into a newly erected one-story brick building between the Elbe River and Herrenkrug Strasse. Five semi-underground buildings at the Kleiner Anger engineer training site had been surrounded by a fence and, since then, were continually guarded. A training area with an obstacle course was being prepared beside the Kleiner Anger training site.

7. On 4 February, the Flak Kaserne (5282) was occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four trucks towing 1 x AA gun and [redacted] entered the installation. [redacted]

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8. On 4 February, the Herrenkrug Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Motor vehicle sheds observed were occupied to capacity by motor vehicles on blocks. On 20 January, 2 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were observed at the firing range. Three light AA guns were in the emplacement near the northern railroad bridge. [redacted] 25X1

9. On 19 January, columns passing over the northern road bridge and proceeding toward west included: about 15 trucks [redacted] 1 radio truck, 25X1 1 tank truck, 9 x 57-mm AT guns and 3 x 120-mm mortars, at about 7:45 a.m.; 7 trucks occupied by troops and 2 x 120-mm mortars, at about 8:10 a.m.; and about 10 trucks occupied by troops, 1 field kitchen and 1 radio truck, at about 8:20 a.m.

10. On 19 January, troop trains passing over the northern railroad bridge toward east included a train of 7 boxcars and 36 flatcars carrying several rocket launchers, trucks and guns, at about 9:10 a.m.; and a train of 32 flatcars carrying trucks, at about 11:15 a.m.

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11. On 3 February, the Herrenkrug Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 4 February, an undetermined number of troops had fallen in in the barracks area, while other troops were maintaining about 20 trucks and about 20 troops received instruction on 2 tanks near the firing range. All motor vehicle sheds observed were occupied to capacity by vehicles on blocks.

12. On 3 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) was occupied to capacity. Source did not observe any training or vehicular traffic.

13. On 3 February, the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) was occupied to capacity. Source did not observe any training or vehicular traffic.

14. On 3 February, the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286) was occupied to capacity. Between 30 January and 3 February, source did not observe any training or vehicular traffic. At about 12:30 p.m. on 17 January, a column of 30 trucks, 2 jeeps, 1 ambulance, 3 armored personnel carriers without numbers, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 4 x 57-mm AT guns and 2 x 120-mm mortars was seen on Walter Rathenau Strasse, coming from the direction of Nachrichten Kaserne. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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The column returned to the installation at about 2 p.m. 1

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25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the distribution of troops in the military installations in Magdeburg. [redacted] 25X1
 The tanks and guns which, [redacted] were repeatedly 25X1 observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne, could not be confirmed there by any other 25X1 source. The installation has been carried occupied by signal units of the 25X1 Third Shock Army and motor transport units of the army and/or the 19th Gds Mocz Div.

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[redacted] As was also observed in mid-January, probably units of the 25X1 abovementioned division transferred to firing practices in Letzling Heath via 25X1 the northern road bridge on 19 January.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The shipment is believed to be one of the trains [redacted]

[redacted] carried artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, who went from Neuruppin to Altengrabow on 18 January.

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